



Johnston Relate Of State Board of Control for SAC

By Charles M. Goolsby

"The Board of Control is a big business," Mr. Forrest R. Johnston, Board member, told the Social Action Council Monday, Dec. 5. He acquainted the Council with the fact that the Board of Control employs about 2300 persons, has about 8000 persons and about 30 city blocks of institutional buildings (not including barns, etc.) in its care. Its annual budget amounts to nearly \$52,000,000 (plus the produce of the several farms operated by institutions) most of which goes for welfare services. He pointed out that institutions for mental health accounted for the Board's largest expenditures. Three hospitals care for about 4,400 mental patients—Hastings, 1,711; Norfolk, 1,118 and Lincoln State, 1,500. Conditions in the hospitals are quite crowded with waiting lists of about 40 in the Hastings area, 60-70 in the Norfolk area and about 300 in the Lincoln State area which includes both Lancaster and Douglas counties. Counties are responsible for the care of persons committed to mental institutions until the state can take them. At present the Board has a \$710,000 building under construction at Lincoln State which should be ready for occupancy by summer. The building is one being built with funds from the mill-levy, which Mr. Johnston termed "one of the best things that have been done." There are now eight psychiatrists (including junior psychiatrists) at each of the hospitals. Many employees are not able to live at the institutions because of a lack of employee's quarters.

In answer to questions, Mr. Johnston said the persons confined at the penitentiary in need of psychiatric help, on recommendation of a board of three doctors, may be transferred to mental hospitals by the Governor. So far as he knew, inmates at the pen work side by side, receive the same pay and relative opportunities to learn trades. He did admit knowledge that Negro prisoners are fed in the dining room where those on special diets are served because there is not enough room in the main dining hall for all, but did not know the history of such practices. (It would seem though that crimes of Negroes are not better or worse than others and therefore there should be little reason for such practice.—Ed.)

Responsibilities of the Board also include operation of the Orthopedic Hospital, School for the Deaf and Blind, Soldiers and Sailors Home, Grand Island; Boys and Girls Training Schools at Kearney and Geneva respectively, and others.

Following the talks and discussion, an information committee on Public Welfare service was set up to aid the Council's member organizations, as interested citizens, in keeping abreast of the needs and problems in that area.

Union Christmas Service Planned

The Ministers' Alliance will sponsor an early Christmas service at Christ Temple church, 20th and U Streets at 7:00 a. m. December 25. Rev. J. Brooks of Quinn Chapel will bring the Christmas message and music will be furnished by combined choirs. Rev. Trago T. McWilliams will be Master of Ceremonies. All are invited and welcome to the services.



F. R. JOHNSTON

—Courtesy The Lincoln Journal.
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Admit Israel To U.N. Says Dr. Bunche

PARIS. (ANP). Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting United Nations mediator in Palestine, requested the United Nations to admit the new nation of Israel to the organization. He also asked the UN to request the Jews and Arabs to confer with one another and end the Palestine war.

Declaring it was possible that the Arabs might be willing to negotiate he said there was a likelihood "that the Palestine conflict may be quickly dissolved and reasonably settled."

Speaking before the political committee of the General Assembly, he pleaded to the Arabs representatives to act either through the UN or directly with the Israeli. If the UN, he added, keeps the situation in check, war in the Holy Land is not likely to break out.

Mrs. Ida Curtis, Ex-Lincolnite, Dies

Mrs. Ida Mae Curtis, 77, former resident of Lincoln, passed away Friday, Dec. 10 at 12:55 in Oakland, Calif. She was the widow of Mr. Austin Curtis, well-known railroad man who died here in 1937.

Mrs. Curtis lived in Lincoln 24 years before moving away. The family returned in 1931 and were residents here until 1938 when she moved to Oakland. Active in church work, she organized the Curtis Memorial Club at Newman church here.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Vella Ellis and Mrs. Novella P. Brown, both of Oakland; a niece, Mrs. Mabel Hawkins of Chicago, a recent visitor in Lincoln; one nephew, Wendell Curtis, Lincoln, 2 grandsons, a grandniece, a great grandniece and a great grandnephew.

Funeral services were Tuesday at 1:00 from Taylor Memorial Methodist church in Oakland where she was a member.

Judd To Ask Citizenship For All in U.S.

WASHINGTON. (ANP). Congress will consider one of the least publicized issues in President Truman's civil rights program at its next session.

This proposal to be presented by Rep. Walter H. Judd (r., Minn.) will call for the naturalization of all persons in the United States regardless of race. Under this bill 90,000 Orientals, mostly Japanese, legally admitted to the United States, will have a chance to become American citizens.

These immigrants will be able to apply just as others do for citizenship and be naturalized after they pass the usual tests.

The proposal will call for the admittance of 100 persons a year from recognized independent countries in Asiatic-Pacific area. Another 100 of mixed racial origin will also be allowed to emigrate to the United States.

The passage of this proposal will erase the last barriers of the oriental exclusion acts which keep most of the Asiatics out of America. Chinese exclusion was repealed in 1943, and Filipino exclusion was repealed in 1946. (Rep. Judd recently spoke at the University of Nebraska's religion in Life Week.—Ed.)

Indiana Negro Is Caucus Head

INDIANAPOLIS. (ANP). Indiana state representative James Hunter of Lake county, a fifth-term democrat, was named party caucus chairman at a pre-legislative roundup held in Indianapolis. Representative Hunter is from East Chicago, Ind., and is known for his impassioned oratory and determined fighting ability.

This is the first time in Indiana that a Negro has been named party caucus chairman.

Jim Crow Is 'A Dead Duck' —McWilliams

CHICAGO. (ANP). Jim Crowism may be a "dead duck" by 1960, according to Carey McWilliams, Los Angeles author, here last week. Speaking before the Sinai Temple forum, McWilliams said:

"It is quite conceivable that by 1960 we might succeed in eliminating all forms of legally sanctioned discrimination."

He based his belief upon the idea that the "solid south is in the process of disintegration and the Negro vote in southern states has increased. "Bold action can now bring an end to the more outrageous forms of Jim Crow within the next two decades," he said.

Kiddies Visit Fleta's Radio Show

Saturday morning Delores Greene, 10, Joane Whitemon, 7 and Patricia Johnson, 4, were guests of radio KFOR and the Fleta's Kiddie Show.

Joane recited "I'd Love to Be a Christmas Tree," Patricia sang "Rockabye Baby" and Delores sang "Jingle Bells." They were chaperoned by Mrs. Virginia Johnson.

American Churches Plan Closer Union; Federal Council Told American Way Still Before Bar

CINCINNATI. (ANP). The issues of justice and human rights by protestants in secular life were climaxed at the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in American convention here last week when Bishop C. C. Alleyne of the AME Zion church declared in an address, "our American way of life is yet before the bar of public opinion, and I fear that in the broader realms of human brotherhood, of racial amity, of social readjustment, and of an awakened respect for the dignity of personality it may yet be found wanting."

W. Gaeddert Heads Social Action Council

The Lincoln Social Action Council held its regular monthly meeting at 1417 "R" Street, Monday, Dec. 5. After hearing reports of committees, selection of officers for the ensuing six months took place.

The Committee on Restaurants reported some progress in the elimination of discriminatory practices in local eating places. The Mayfair Grill has reportedly abandoned its practice of refusing service to Negroes. To County Attorney Frederick Wagener goes credit for explaining these statutes to the management.

The committee on FEPC Promotion, headed by Mr. Ted Sorensen, is still gathering facts on discrimination in our state and welcomes the receipt of any facts on economic discriminations. Later this month the committee will publish a digest of its findings.

Heading the council for the next six months will be Mr. Willard Gaeddert, instructor in Physics at the University of Nebraska and a member of the American Friends Society. Mr. Gaeddert has been active in religious and allied activities in Lincoln. Other officers are Charles Goolsby, Univ. YMCA, Vice-President; Ben Jefferson, NAACP, Secretary; Mrs. Anita Smith, Quinn Chapel, Treasurer. Elected to the Executive Committee were:

- Dr. E. Z. Palmer
- Mrs. Estelle Davis
- Rabbi Jerome Kestenbaum
- Mrs. Ned Darlington
- Clyde Malone
- Camilla Palmer
- Rev. Philip Schug
- Roger Crossgrove

Appointed committee chairmen are:

- Steering: Joe Ishikawa
- Fair Employment Practices Commission promotion: Ted Sorensen.
- Public Relations: Rev. Gordon Lippitt.
- Speakers Bureau: Rev. John Lepke.

Representatives from the American Legion Auxiliary and the Railway Clerks were new attenders.

Force, Prairie View In Bowl Game

PRAIRIE VIEW, Tex. (ANP). Wilberforce State college has been selected as the opponent of the Prairie View Panthers in the 21st annual Prairie View Bowl game that will be played in Houston on New Year's day. The Prairie View Bowl is the second oldest New Year's day classic in the nation, being exceeded only by the Rose Bowl in age.

Local N.A.A.C.P. Re-Elects Moody

Rev. Robert L. Moody Friday night was re-elected president of the Lincoln branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The election and monthly business

In discussing "Christ's Way of Life Versus the American Way of Life," Bishop Alleyne related, "I often wonder whether Constantine seeing the cross suspended in the skies was in every truth an occasion of conquest by the cross. It seems to have been Hellenized, Romanized, paganized and later Teutonized, and still later Anglo-Saxonized. As we have it today, Americanized."

"The church need not hesitate to affirm the Communism of Christ, for fear it will be associated with those who believe the Communism of the Soviets. There are other 'isms' we in America need to be fighting, such as, fascism, extreme individualism, racism and militarism."

Charles P. Taft, brother of Sen. Robert Taft, and first layman to be named president of the council, presided over the gathering that represented 22 Protestant and Three Greek Catholic churches with a total of 28,000,000 members.

Leading churchmen, economists and social workers in the nation discussed such problems as the church's responsibility for older people and displaced persons and human rights, along with measures to combat juvenile delinquency, increase church membership and develop greater lay participation in church leadership.

The first part of the week, steps were taken to speed formation of a co-operative agency embracing almost every Protestant denomination which would be known as the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. This council, while forcing the federal council to lose its identity, would bring together a more co-operative union of members on items of common interest and concern. However, as in the federal council, each individual denomination would retain its autonomy.

John Brown House To Become Resort

By Alice A. Dunnigan

WASHINGTON. (ANP). The house where John Brown kept his men in the fall of 1859 will soon be converted into a mountain summer resort available to all peoples, regardless of race, color, creed or national origin.

The 250-acre farm near Harpers Ferry, Md., has recently been purchased at cash price by J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, and Judge W. C. Hueston, educational commissioner of the Elks.

The Joseph Adamses Are Parents

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Adams of 2221 "S" street, became the parents of a fine boy. The newcomer, named Joseph weighed in at 6 pounds, 12½ ounces at St. Elizabeth hospital. Of course, he is a source of joy since he is the Adamses first son after two lovely daughters. Now maybe Scoutmaster Adams will get that Eagle Scout he's been after.